



# CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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Fair Political Practices Commission  
Post Office Box 807-  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Subject: Budgeting for services

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

We have been advised that you will be reviewing your budget and areas of service on September 5. Therefore, we would like to provide our input for your consideration.

Of particular importance from our perspective as the local elections official is the need for the candidate/treasurer workshops. We must look to the FPPC to provide the needed training for the new candidates and their treasurers. You have the experts who know all the nuances and changes in the Political Reform Act first hand—these are the staff members needed to provide these training classes. We are far more removed from the information than your staff and are not in a position, nor is it our job, to perform this training. If we as filing officers, on behalf of FPPC, are to continue to require our candidates and their treasurers to have complete and accurate filings, then providing training is necessary.

However, there has been an issue with these workshops in that our candidates and their treasurers are not always willing to travel approximately one hour to attend the closest workshop. Therefore, there is a need for either more workshops closer to the candidates, or more strategically placed. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in San Diego County, it seems that the workshops should be more centrally located to inspire our candidates and treasurers to attend.

Another item that is helpful is your toll free number. Since we are quite removed from Sacramento, at least the toll free number makes the FPPC more accessible to our area. We appreciate this service and the number is provided to all candidates so that they feel free in calling to get their questions answered.

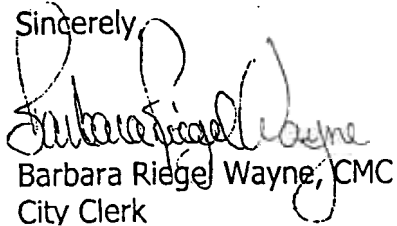
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Another service that was provided this year was the one-on-one outreach program. It provided us with the opportunity of sitting down with your staff member and getting some specific questions answered. There are many gray areas in the regulations, and we had the chance to discuss these in more detail. We were surprised to learn of a few new items and expectations the FPPC has of our office.

You may be surprised to really know all the work that the local filing officers are performing for you, so it does make good sense to keep the lines of communication open as much as possible in as many ways as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of these items and we certainly hope that FPPC will place the necessary importance on all lines of communication. If we are kept well informed, we will follow your lead.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Riege Wayne, CMC  
City Clerk